Water crisis in Rajasthan due to deployment of troops

1506. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a servere drinking water crisis has arisen as a result of recent deploymnet of army troops along the Indo-Pak borders in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (c) The deploymnet of Army along the Indo-Pak borders has resulted in the additional requirement of water in Rajasthan. The requirement of water for the Army troops deployed along the International Border, is largely met by additional water released by the Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) into the Indira Gandhi Canal and also by transportation of water by Rail/Road.

Flight of young scientists from DRDO

† 1507. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a tendency has been developed among the young scientists of DRDO of moving towards profitable areas such as Information Technology and moving towards western countries due to availability of better facilities there by leaving their services in DRDO;

(b) if so, the year-wise details of scientists opting for voluntary retirement .from DRDO during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government have considered the matter for providing additional facilities to our scientists like the facilities being provided to the scientists of other developed countries in order to prevent their exodus in those countires?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There was a tendency for scientists to move out of DRDO and work in Information Technology (IT) based industries, here and

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